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19 December 1962

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of  
Two-hundred-forty-ninth Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 19 December 1962

Director of Central Intelligence  
John A. McCone  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, acting for Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State  
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy  
Major General Robert A. Breitweiser, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant General Gordon A. Blake, Director, National Security Agency  
Captain Bladen D. Claggett, acting Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB  
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes  
12 December Meeting  
(USIB-M-248, including Annex  
distributed through special  
channels)

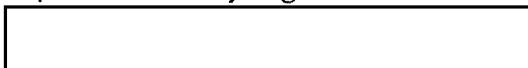
Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex.

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 643

a. Approved, as amended.

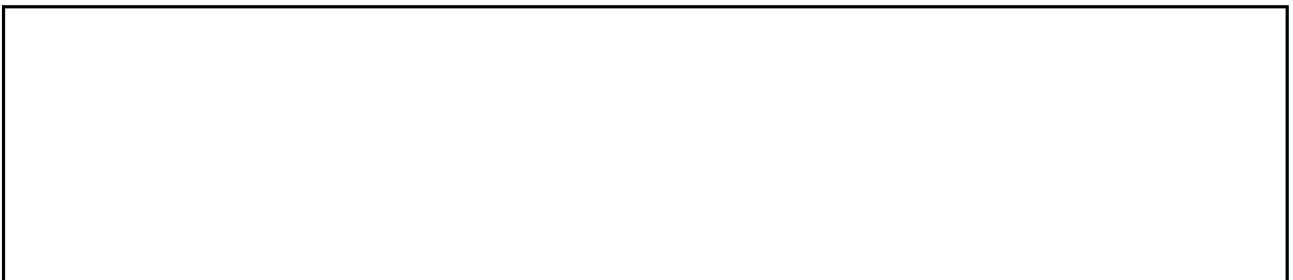
b. Noted a statement by the Chairman that the intelligence community should be especially alert for any changes in the situations in North Korea and North Vietnam.

3. The Military Threat to North  
America, 1963-1973  
(Preliminary Agreed Draft,



USIB-M-245, item 6; USIB-M-237,  
item 6; Memorandum for USIB,  
14 December, TS #185530-a)

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b. Noted that the Air Force member continued to dissent to paragraphs 12, 13, 101, 108, and 109 of the draft text, and agreed that his views with respect thereto should be included in the memorandum which advised the Joint Chiefs of Staff of USIB action on the subject paper.

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4. Request by Chairman for  
Community Views Regarding  
Status of Soviet Nuclear  
Submarine Technology

25X1 The Chairman stated that he was scheduled to testify before the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy early in January 1963, with reference to bi-lateral atomic energy arrangements with other countries, [REDACTED] He requested in this connection that comments of the intelligence community, especially those of the Navy, AEC and CIA, be developed for his background use relative to the state of the Soviet technology in the development of nuclear-powered submarines, in a form which could be compared to U. S. technology and development in this area.\*

5. Communist China's Nuclear  
Weapons Program  
(SNIE 13-6-62)

Following a general exchange of views by the members on various aspects of this draft paper and a short briefing by Mr. Carl Duckett, Director of Intelligence, Army Missile Center, Huntsville, Alabama, in explanation of the Army footnote to paragraph 14 of the mimeographed text, the Board agreed to defer action on this estimate pending the results of current efforts to obtain more recent intelligence information.

6. Communist Chinese Air  
Capability Against India

25X1 [REDACTED]  
USIB-M-248, 12 December 1962,  
item 7; Memorandum for USIB,  
17 December 1962)

[REDACTED]

\*The Secretariat has requested the JAEIC to prepare and coordinate an appropriate response to the Chairman, USIB, for his background use.

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b. Noted, as proposed by the Chairman, that the Director, DIA, would undertake to organize the U. S. team, with representation as appropriate of CIA and other USIB agencies.

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7. Schedule of USIB Meetings

a. Concurred in the Chairman's proposals that USIB not meet during the Christmas week and that the next Board meeting be scheduled for Thursday, 3 January 1963, unless an urgent need arose for a meeting prior to that date.

b. Noted in this connection that the next regular Watch Committee meeting would be held on 27 December and that the Watch Committee Report for that week would be cleared individually with the Board principals.

8. Forthcoming Meeting of the  
President's Foreign  
Intelligence Advisory Board

The Chairman noted that the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board would meet on 27 and 28 December to consider the report which it had requested on intelligence activities relating to the Cuban situation (USIB-M-244, 15 November 1962, item 1). In this connection he advised that the steering committee, composed of the Chairman and CIA, State, DIA and NSA members of USIB, planned to complete its work on the report on 19 December.

With respect thereto, the Board concurred in the Chairman's view that formal USIB consideration and action on this report would not be required beyond completion of the report by the steering committee,

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since the DIA member was cognizant of the views of the Joint Staff and military service members, the AEC member had made an appropriate contribution to the report, and the FBI member abstained.

Adjournment: 1140



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Executive Secretary ✓

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SECRETARY'S NOTE

The Sino-Indian Conflict:  
Outlook and Implications  
(SNIE 13/31-2-62, USIB-M-248,  
12 December, item 6)

a. The subject estimate was approved, telephonically, by USIB on 14 December 1962.

b. Unless a Board member objects this estimate will be released to USIA, in view of the fact that the preceding paper was so released.

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